

# HACKNEY PEOPLE'S PRESS

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This issue of HACKNEY PEOPLE'S PRESS has a special feature, the HACKNEY GASBAG. The GASBAG is a newspaper that has been written, edited and produced by a group of local children, working in a summer playscheme organised by Centerprise. It is full of news, cartoons and features and HACKNEY PEOPLE'S PRESS is pleased to be able to help in its circulation to a wider audience. Once again we say, the HACKNEY PEOPLE'S PRESS is the people's paper, YOUR paper, and is open for you to

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## HACKNEY GASBAG

use if you have something to say. We're waiting to hear from you!

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## CENTERPRISE FIRE ATTACK

On the night of Monday 15th August, petrol was poured through the letterbox of the Centerprise bookshop in Kingsland High Street and set alight. Fortunately the blaze was spotted before it got out of control and the Fire Brigade contained the damage to the front of the bookshop. Even so, at least £1000 worth of damage was done. A whole display of Centerprise's own publications of writing by local working people was destroyed, and the bookshop, redecorated just six weeks ago, will now have to be painted once more.

Quite obviously, the attack - just two days after the mass anti-fascist demonstration at Lewisham (see pp. 2 and 3) - was the latest in a series of attempts by local racist thugs to frighten and destroy the work of the project.

A thriving community centre where black and white can meet, talk and drink coffee and a bookshop stocking a wide range of radical and political titles as well as general books is an obvious affront to those whose "policies" are built on prejudice and hate.

In the last few months progressive and community bookshops all over London have been attacked in a wave of right-wing extremist violence. The Unity bookshop in Harlesden was also firebombed. Slogans were daubed over the Bogle l'Ouverture shop in Ealing and the New Beacon bookshop in Finsbury Park. The Atlas bookshop in Southall has also been attacked.

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# AFTER LEWISHAM

The events of Saturday 13 August in Lewisham when thousands of anti-Fascists broke up a march of some 500 National Front members have hit the headlines in a way which the years of racist-inspired assaults on black people have significantly failed to do. Those who took part in the counter-demonstration, and in particular the Socialist Workers' Party, which played a major part in organising it, have been accused by the media of thuggery and deliberate attacks on the police - but what really happened that afternoon? Why did between five and ten thousand local residents and opponents of Fascism risk arrest or assault (most of those injured were counter-demonstrators) to stop a miserable little bunch of neo-Nazis?

The first point which must be made is that by choosing to march through an area with a large black population, the Front - whose policy is openly racist - were deliberately trying to whip up racial violence. Yet despite the existence of laws which make it an offence to "incite racial hatred" the march was allowed to go ahead with police protection. Commissioner ("Hammer") McNee, London's new Police Chief, who was known in his old patch of Glasgow for his friendship with members of the extreme right-wing Orange Order, made changes in the usual police tactics. In New Cross Road, instead of placing his men in front of the anti-fascists as on previous occasions he sent them marching alongside the fascists - thus putting them in the most vulnerable position. The anger of the local population, and in particular the young blacks, who for many years have put up with bad housing, high unemployment and police harassment, was at boiling point and the stage was set for violent confrontation.

The police began their action two and a half hours before the Front were due to assemble in Clifton Rise; the police raided the HQ of the Lewisham 21 Defence Committee, also in Clifton Rise, claiming to have a warrant to search for "criminal damage". When they couldn't find any damage their inspector told them to arrest everyone for "behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace". Those arrested included three cameramen, a doctor and a solicitor. Soon afterwards the peaceful march called by the All Lewisham Campaign Against Racism And Fascism disbanded well away from the Nazis' assembly point - on police orders - but most of the AL CARAF marchers joined the counter-demonstrators at Clifton Rise and New Cross Road. Here the police made their first unprovoked attack - but repeated charges by them on foot and horseback failed to clear the street and the fascists were forced to assemble in a side road.

As the National Front march moved off up on to New Cross

with police 'mounties' forcing a path for them, they were met by a barrage of abuse, stones and smoke bombs lobbed over the policemen's heads. With the brave would-be "master race" cowering against the wall the anti-fascists broke through the police protectors and at least twice cut the march in two. NF banners were seized and burnt and the bedraggled fascists staggered away. Once the march, and most of the press reporters had moved on the police began to hit back, arresting protestors at random and inflicting countless injuries. All along their route the NF were attacked and the police continued their counter attack on behalf of the Nazis.

Finally the Front march dispersed well short of its intended destination.

On 25 June a street meeting of the Lewisham 21 Defence Committee was broken up by National Front supporters. Norma Hundleby was grabbed and her head banged on the ground until she was unconscious. The police didn't intervene. Two weeks later 100 fascists tried to stop a demonstration by the Committee - by throwing missiles including a bottle which broke over a woman. A chemist identified the liquid from the bottle as Paraquat, a deadly weed killer.

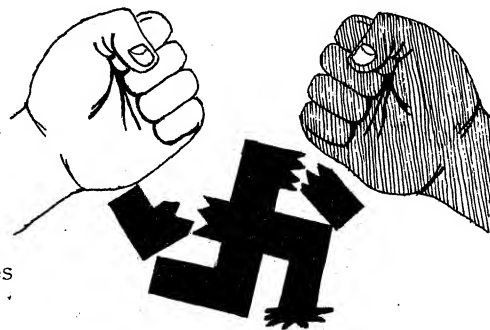
tion of Catford. The NF had given up, but the police hadn't. A large group of protestors, including local residents had occupied the centre of Lewisham around the clock tower, past which the Front had intended to march. People with megaphones announced that their intention was simply to prevent the fascists marching through, and the crowd was generally peaceful. Suddenly the police - who made no appeals for the demonstrators to disperse or attempts to tell them that the NF were no longer coming - charged from all sides in buses and on horseback. Many protestors panicked, others hit back in anger as the police poured out of their buses and began to wildly hit out with their truncheons. Instead of

maintaining law and order the police attack created chaos. As the police hearded people up the main road and tempers cooled a little the police were issued, no doubt for the benefit of the press and TV, with their "riot shields".

The operation in the early hours of the morning which resulted in the arrest of the Lewisham 21 was said by a policeman to have been called Operation 39/PNH, which stood for Police Nigger Hunt. The policeman said, 'The blacks had been arrested at random'.

The so-called 'irresponsible' members of the Socialist Workers' Party now urged everybody to join an orderly march away from the police lines and towards the nearest railway station, in order to disperse. First a small group of police tried to stop this (so much for the democratic rights of people to march!) and when that failed they drove their vans at high speed through the group of a thousand or so - miraculously no-one was run over and killed, but once again chaos had been created by police methods. The police ran wild hitting people with clubs and the "protective" shields; police vans were stoned and a motorcycle set on fire. The protestors ran trying desperately to get away from the police, many fell to the ground under a hail of police truncheons and boots. And so the day ended. The NF Nazis were stopped - yet it could have been done with little violence but for the police commanders who seemed determined to provoke a violent confrontation.

Hackney is an area with many of the problems of Lewisham - poor housing, few hospitals or other services and high unemployment. It is the sort of area where the fascists might be expected to hold a similar provocative march, trying to create racial hatred and to



# ..... HACKNEY ?

blame the black people for our problems. It is clear from the events in Lewisham that the Westminster politicians and the police won't stop the Nazis - the only way to prevent them from stirring up trouble would be if the local residents and anti-fascists turned out in large numbers to block the streets. If that happened the Nazis would never dare to show their faces and violence would be avoided.

Keith Dobie, a socialist building worker from North London, was arrested and held for a few minutes in a police compound.

'What lot are you with?' one of the impartial lawmen asked. 'Oh, Haringey', he replied.

'Yes, but what lot?' Then Keith realised what the cop wanted to know.

'Haringey National Front Branch', he lied.

'In that case you'd better jump over the wall and get away'.

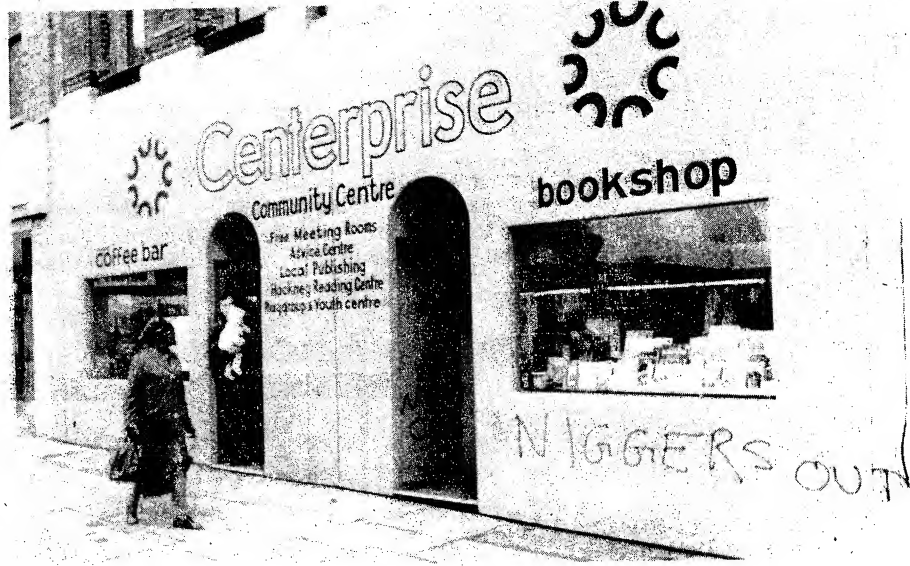
And for those who still have doubts about the Hitlerite nature of the National Front, a few quotes may help. The NF's national organiser, Martin Webster, has said, "We are building a well-oiled Nazi machine". Its chairman, John Tyndall, said of Hitler's book: "Mein Kampf is my doctrine". Finally let's hear how to stop them from the horse's mouth: that well-known "patriot", Adolf Hitler, said in 1933: "Only one thing could have stopped our movement - if our adversaries had understood its principle and, from the first day, had smashed with utmost brutality the nucleus of our new movement."

## JUST OUT

"CARF, Campaign Against Racism and Fascism."

Excellent 12 page bi-monthly anti-racist, anti-fascist newspaper for use in the struggle against racism and fascism.

Obtainable, price 10p, from Centerprise and other progressive bookshops, or from the Anti-Racist Anti-Fascist Co-ordinating Committee, Flat 3, 5 Huntley Street, London WC1.



Just six weeks before the arson attempt, racials daub offensive slogans over the front of Centerprise.

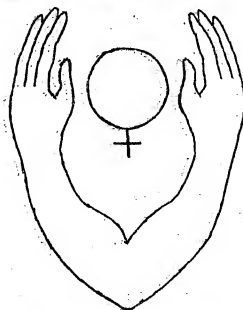
## ATTACKS ON CENTERPRISE

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Attacks on Centerprise have occurred much more frequently recently. Eight days before the arson attempt a bottle was thrown through the coffeebar window. Just six weeks ago the newly decorated shop front was daubed with racist slogans and the locks filled with instant cement. Earlier this year a fire-extinguisher was thrown through the bookshop window and "NF" was daubed on the walls. And last Christmas, black kids coming out of a dance were set on by a gang of drunken white men.

With its position in a busy shopping street and its bright green decor, Centerprise is an obvious symbol of political progressiveness in the community in which it exists. Although protective shutters are now to be erected over the doors and windows at night (a move which, ironically, had been decided before the arson attack) Centerprise is determined that it will continue to be a centre and a focal point for community activity. It will not be frightened away or compromised by fascists who creep up at night with petrol bombs.

## Women's Aid



## Reopens

Hackney Women's Aid refuge for battered women was closed on 28 April this year when the ground floor of the house was gutted by fire. The families living in the refuge were put into bed and breakfast accommodation or transferred to Women's Aid in other boroughs.

This has been a big blow to Women's Aid since it has meant that Hackney has been without a refuge for over four months. Some women in desperate need have been found places in other boroughs, but others have had to stay with relatives or remain at home and accept beatings.

The Council started work on another house immediately after the fire and that should be ready very soon now.

When an opening date is settled the group will be desperately in need of all household necessities - crockery, cutlery, saucepans, bedding and items of furniture - beds, wardrobes, chairs, tables etc.

If you could offer any of these things or any help in setting up the new refuge generally please contact:

Judith 534 5492 (evenings)  
Catriona 249 4802 (evenings)

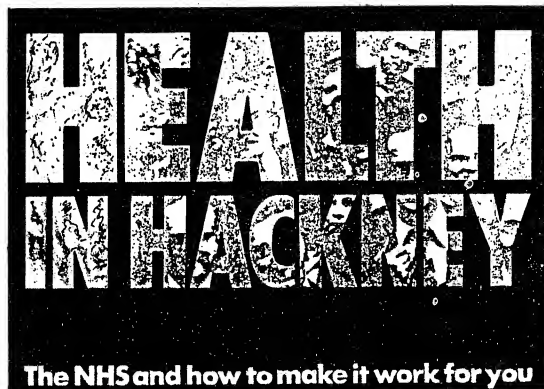
# Know your Rights!

Every household in Hackney should get hold of the FREE guide to the local Health Service, **HEALTH IN HACKNEY**, recently published by the City and Hackney Community Health Council.

More than 100 pages long and carefully laid-out and indexed, it is a very good people's guide to the health service and how to use it. So often people don't know what is available and who to ask for advice.

There are sections on:

ABORTION - difficult to get in Hackney, unless you know who to go to.  
 ADDICTION - alcoholism, drugs, smoking.  
 ADVICE CENTRES  
 AMBULANCES  
 CHEMISTS - how to get prescriptions out of shop hours. When you are entitled to free prescriptions.  
 CHILDREN - clinics, nurseries, playgroups.  
 COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL  
 COMPLAINTS - what to do if something goes wrong.  
 DENTISTS - why you must ask for NHS treatment.  
 DISABLED - your rights and how to get them.  
 DOCTORS - choosing one, changing one, emergency doctors, second opinions.  
 EMERGENCIES  
 FAMILY PLANNING - list of clinics. Methods you should use - and those you shouldn't!  
 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN - who to see, who will help.  
 HAVING A BABY - pregnancy tests, maternity benefits, single parents, having a baby at home or in hospital.



HEALTH CENTRES AND CLINICS deal with many problems. Run all sorts of free classes.  
 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK - how to deal with sanitary, vermin rubbish, noise and sewage problems.  
 HOSPITALS - what to do if you have to go in.  
 MENTAL ILLNESS - how to cope, who can help.  
 NHS - how it works.  
 OLD PEOPLE - services that can make life easier for OAPs.

**HEALTH IN HACKNEY** covers all the services provided in the borough and tells you who to ring or see if you want to find out more. And it tells you what you're entitled to, and who to complain to if you don't get it!

The guide is free and can be obtained from Centerprise and other bookshops throughout Hackney, or from the Community Health Council, 210 Kingsland Road, E2.

OPTICIANS

SEX - advice places and helpful people.

SOCIAL SECURITY - how to get benefits.

SOCIAL SERVICES - how to contact the Council's Social Service Depts and what they can offer.

VD - symptoms, treatment and clinics.

Although the guide is excellent in showing what is available in Hackney there are no criticisms of the rundown of hospitals and services implemented by the Government's cuts. These are cuts local people could ill afford (nearly a quarter of hospital beds have been axed). Hackney is still one of the unhealthiest and deprived areas in the country and its hospitals are mainly old Victorian work-houses. Health workers do a magnificent job in appalling conditions and we should be grateful for that. What we must fight for is an improved and enlarged Health Service in Hackney. Let's make the next guide to health facilities twice as long!

## New Community Centre for STOKE NEWINGTON

Rectory Ward in Stoke Newington has been described in a GLC planning report as "one of the most deprived in Inner London" when it was discussing facilities for community use.

Therefore it was with relief that people learnt that both Fleetwood School and the Fire Station on the corner of Brooke Road and Leswin Road were both due to be closed as either of these could be converted for community use.

The GLC which owns both buildings has been considering what use to put them to, but

Hackney Council showed no interest in taking either of them over for community centres. Indeed when the GLC took the initiative and approached Hackney, the Council turned down the possibility of using the building.

This action infuriated those local people who heard about it and after two preliminary meetings, a large public meeting was held attended by over sixty local residents. This meeting set up a steering committee to fight for the use of the Fire Station as a community centre.

As they are now faced with a large group demanding the use of the centre Hackney Council now seem likely to approve the conversion and it is hoped that the centre will be open some time in the autumn.

The centre has got a large yard at the rear and a big area on the ground floor with what were recreation rooms and bedrooms above which will be able to provide a large number of rooms for a variety of purposes.



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# HACKNEY GASBAG



## WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

By Susan and Jonathon Martin.

"Don't think they ought to squat anyway, but mind you it must be terrible to be homeless.. they seem to be cleaning the place up though."

These were the views of two old age pensioners, neighbours of squatters in Shakespeare Walk, Hackney. They were very prejudiced about people moving into a house and squatting, but on the other hand they thought it would be terrible to be homeless. We found the majority of people held the same views, but they tended to forget that squatting is not, in fact, illegal.

There has been a definite rise in squatters living in Hackney, but no-one can be sure of its extent. To find out more about squatters living in Hackney, we visited the Advisory Service for Squatters, at 2A St. Pauls Rd. N.1. We talked to Mr. John Godfrey. He said, "When people come to us for help we divide them into two categories. The first is to give legal advice to people who have not squatted before, and also to people who are squatting and have problems. The second is to find squats for people, and to find out if there is any room in houses already occupied by squatters. Unfortunately we have less information than local squatting groups, and we have to refer people to them."

The average amount of time squatters are allowed to stay in a house is generally a few months, say four, but this depends on the type of property being squatted and the attitude of the owners. It tends to vary with different councils. Hackney Council is very anti-squatters and tends to be harsher than the G.L.C. who will often leave squatters alone until

they are ready to repair or demolish the property. Houses are often left empty for a long time and squatters have been allowed to stay for four or more years. If the council wants to evict squatters from a house legally they have to take out a possession order in the County Court, which means a court hearing. When the case comes up possession is usually awarded to the Council. It's quite unusual for a squatter to win the case. If the Council wins the case and the squatters don't move out the bailiffs move in, but this is quite uncommon as squatters at this point usually move out of their own accord. If the case is won by the squatters, most Councils, including Hackney, will use almost any means to evict from a house.



### HELP WAS DENIED BY COUNCIL

While at the Advisory Service for Squatters (A.S.S.) we were told of a woman with three children; she was regularly beaten up by her drunken husband, who was in the habit of throwing her down the stairs. The only reason

she was at A.S.S. that day was because it was the only day her husband went out, the rest of the time he would spend at home drinking. She went to the Council's 'Homeless Families Unit' but they said she had a home to go to, so the family was not homeless. It takes some time to bring legal proceedings to exclude the husband, and these are very difficult to enforce. Therefore she had no alternative but to squat with her children.

### A HAPPY CASE

Mrs. X has now been squatting in a house in Albion Road, Hackney for six months. The house itself can only be described as a slum, not fit for human residence. Mrs. X has had her name on the Council's waiting list for over three years. She has five children, three boys and two girls. She was forced to move from her previous three bedroom flat because her 17 year old daughter was pregnant, and the flat was much too cramped, and needed major repairs. But she is one of the lucky ones; she has recently been offered a small house, which she is going to accept. Her last comment before we left was: "I could never squat again."

So it seems that squatting is a great nuisance, but a necessity to homeless people. If most of these people didn't squat they would be completely without a roof over their heads. So many houses stand empty, and without human residence they soon deteriorate, so I see no reason why squatters shouldn't inhabit unoccupied houses.

If you were homeless what would you rather do, sleep rough on the streets or squat?

# Hooliganism

By Catherine Stubbs

and Christine Patterson

We interviewed some people in the street and asked them what they thought about hooliganism.

"It's getting very bad now, they're bashing old people to death. They should get some sort of punishment", says Sister Hand, a nun.

"These hooligans, a lot of ruffians", says Mr Jim Scott.

"There is a lot more hooliganism than in the past", says Mr J.A. Smith.

"Most hooligans are from about 14 to 19 years old, which is very young", says Mr Robert Hutchin.

"There just seems to be more hooliganism in Hackney than anywhere else," says Tina.

"I think their parents should try to control them more. Tell their parents to give them a damn good hiding. At school they should be taught manners, which they haven't got today. You get all the hooligans from school, because their teachers just aren't strict enough with them," says Mrs Parker.

"There are not enough centres for them to go to. They just hang around and this is when all the mugging starts," says Mrs Pope.

"I think that it's very wrong; why should children be hooligans? They become hooligans because of their parents. If you grow up in a nice home with your parents looking after you, you can't be a hooligan, can you?" says Joyce Knights.

Elion Potter said "It's because of money troubles, and the children just haven't got anything to do - that's what makes them hooligans." When we asked people questions in the street, some just walked away and took no notice of us. Some people said the same thing like "It's the parents' fault - they just don't look after their children properly." Others just said, "The teachers should teach them manners," and some said "There's not enough centres for them to go to in their spare time."

## HACKNEY GASBAG COMMENTS:

The above quotes all tend to lay the blame on either parents or teachers. But uncaring parents or teachers can't account for all hooliganism.

Some of the quotes get near the root of the problem: No 'nice home with your parents looking after you' would produce

a hooligan. 'There seems to be more hooliganism in Hackney.' 'Money troubles' are also mentioned, and that 'children have nothing to do.' If you look at bad housing and parents who have to work, leaving children alone, then the causes become more evident.

People mentioned lack of respect and associated it with lack of discipline. Yet, in schools, the most respected teachers are not those who dole out regular canings. If corporal punishment was an effective deterrent then the same people wouldn't get caned continually.

The vast majority of parents and teachers would like to care for their children, but conditions, especially in Hackney, often do not permit it. The answer surely lies in improving standards of housing, employment, nursery facilities and education.

# CENTER-PRISE \*

By Veronica (10)

Centerprise was once down Dalston Lane, but moved up to Kingsland High Street. What I like about Centerprise is that there's a coffee bar, the food is quite cheap and there's plenty of space to move around. There are meeting rooms upstairs and a nursery downstairs and at nights there is a community club which stays open till 10.00 with the coffee bar.

On summer holidays we went to the seaside. I gave a stone to Nick and he kept it EVER.

You can play snakes and ladders, ludo, chess, and draughts. I come here every day. I like it because every time you want to go to the toilet you can. But sometimes I fight with Susan. I pull her hair, but we make up.

I like Centerprise better than school. I hate school. You want to know why? Because I don't want to be in Mr Keen's, wish I was in Mrs Hudson's. I don't want to get hit with the stick.

Why don't Centerprise have parties and puppet shows if we can't have a play scheme?

"Susan, can I help you please?"

"Yes you can. You can do the washing up."

They let me wash up, dry up, let me collect the cups and saucers and plates and they let me wash the tables, wash the ashtrays, and empty them. And after they give me a cup of tea and a bun. And after my cup of tea and bun I have games.

# SPORT QUIZ

By David Lawrence and Alan Budgen

- Who won the men's singles at Wimbledon this year?
- Who won the women's singles at Wimbledon this year?
- Which woman got into 3 finals this year and lost all 3?
- Which man in cricket hit 6 sixes in one over?
- Who won the Grand National this year?
- Which member of the Royal Family represented Great Britain in the Olympic Games at Montreal?
- Which member of the Royal Family has been chosen for Britain's polo team?
- Who holds the record for the most wicket-keeping catches?
- What distance is one lap round the running track?
- What length is a cricket pitch?
- In the 1974 World Cup Final who were the 2 teams playing, what was the score, and who won?

- What is an albatross in golf?
- When Sir Alf Ramsey was sacked as England's manager, who took over until Don Revie was appointed?
- Who won the British Grand Prix this year?
- What motor cyclist is champion of the world (1976)?
- Who was the only British team to represent us in the 1974 World Cup?
- What amateur club does Geoff Hurst play for?
- What is the name of the only woman driver in formula one motor racing?
- Who is Britain's best shot putter?
- How many clubs are there in the 4 English leagues?

## SPORT QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 Bjorn Borg
- 2 Virginia Wade
- 3 Betty Stove
- 4 Gary Sobers
- 5 Red Rum
- 6 Princess Anne
- 7 Prince Charles
- 8 Alan Knott
- 9 400 metres
- 10 22 yards
- 11 West Germany v Holland
- 12 2-1; West Germany
- 13 Joe Mercer
- 14 James Hunt
- 15 Barry Sheene
- 16 Scotland
- 17 Telford
- 18 Divina Galicia
- 19 Geoff Capes
- 20 92

No cheating



The children who do skateboarding would be very pleased to have specially built places which would make skateboarding much more fun.

"Skateboarding will probably get more and more popular."



## SKATEBOARDING

BY JAMES MANLOVE  
AND MARK LAWRENCE



### PLACES

The most famous place for skateboarding in London is the South Bank by the Festival Hall. There are many ramps and curves and some of the best stunts are practised there. Spectators as well as skateboarders go there to watch the children enjoy themselves and one man said

"I just wish I was young enough to do it myself."

The skateboard started as a toy in America. It soon caught on and swept all over the country. Then it came to England. It wasn't much of a hit when it first arrived, but fairly recently it has become a craze in every town. Already in America there are many parks in most of the big cities where competitions are held. Although it was originally just a child's toy it is now also a very popular sport.

"There is a lot of skill involved. It tests your balance, your anticipation, and your timing."

The opinion of most adults is that skateboarding is great fun for the kids so long as it is properly controlled in safe areas.

"Special parks built for kids would definitely not be a waste of money. There are many people who skateboard and they would be able to practise safely."

Moneywise - the price amazes some people.

"You can build boards yourself quite cheaply. But to buy one would cost about £7 up to £70. A slalom costs over £25."

Skateboards are sold in both toy and sport shops. The wood and plastic Red Devils, Lotus, and Cheviot, are some of the more popular ones and are normally sold in toy shops for about £10. to £15. The higher class fibreglass ones are more costly.

The membership fee is £3 per year sessional fee 45p (plus entry if not a member of the centre) per evening. Guest fee 60p plus entry. Membership is open to all adults 18+. The club will have two teams - mens and womens - in the Middlesex league. Beginners will be welcomed although there is room for players of all standards. Coaching sessions will be provided for all players. The club meets on Thursdays 7 to 10pm and Sundays 10 to 1pm

The Junior Club ... will continue to meet until October. Membership fee is 50p, entry 25p if non-member of the centre. The club meets between 2 and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Other activities at Sobell include early morning badminton, squash and tennis, ice-skating, trampolining, table-tennis, chess snooker and ... Martial Arts.

I like the Sobell Centre because it has a wide variety of sports for young and old people. I always look forward to going there in the holidays because that's the time when they put down the price. You can play badminton table-tennis, 5 a side football etc all for 20p.

After - school classes re-start .....

Badminton ... Wed Sept 7

Trampolining ... Mon Sept 5 & Wed Sept 7

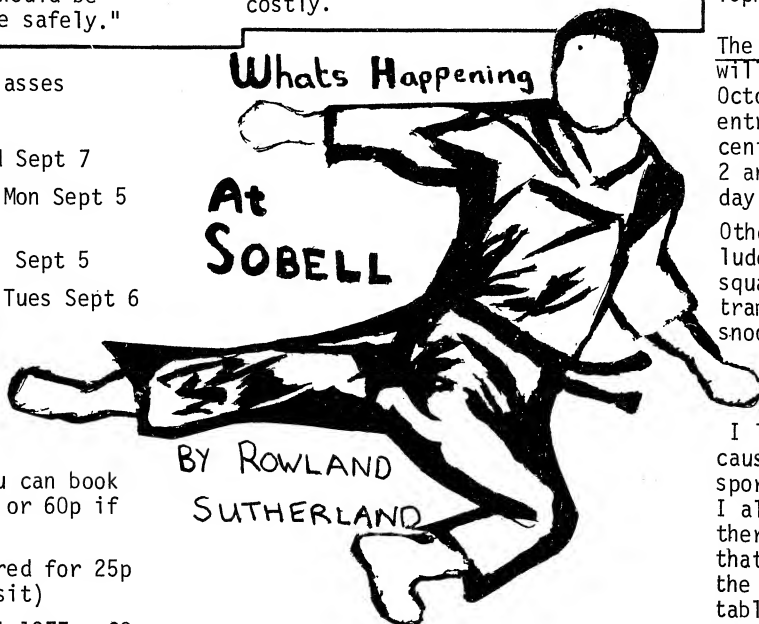
Squash ..... Mon Sept 5

Table-tennis ... Tues Sept 6

### Whats Happening

At  
SOBELL

BY ROWLAND  
SUTHERLAND



Badminton .... you can book a court for £1.25 or 60p if you are a Junior

Rackets may be hired for 25p per hour (£3 deposit)

New season: July 1 1977 - 30 June 1978

# Hackney ~ as it

## HACKNEY IN THE OLD DAYS

By David Tomlinson

Before we broke up from school, I did a project about the history of Hackney. I was interested in this because my grandmother is always talking about the "good ole days".

The first map of Hackney, drawn up in 1745, (the Roque map) shows that Hackney then mainly consisted of fields. However the beginnings of city development can be seen along Mare Street and Kingsland Road.

The map of 1866, however, shows heavily built up areas and fewer fields - Hackney Downs, London Fields, Victoria Park, Hackney Common, and Hackney Wick. Also shown are large numbers of much disliked welfare institutions - many workhouses, almshouses, and asylums. When the people were put into these places their families were split up. Conditions were so bad that some people even committed suicide rather than be put into workhouses or asylums.

Over the years Hackney has been the place of residence for criminals, pirates, sailors, escaped slaves, gypsies and tradesmen of all kinds. Many immigrants have come to live in the East End, adding to its population. Most of the immigrants have added different things from their own language to the cockney slang making it extraordinarily flexible and colourful. The following examples show the origins of Cockney slang.

### Sixteenth Century

Slang	Meaning
Lick	to beat
lift	to steal
paw	hand
pins	legs
brass	money
go to pot	to be ruined

### Seventeenth Century

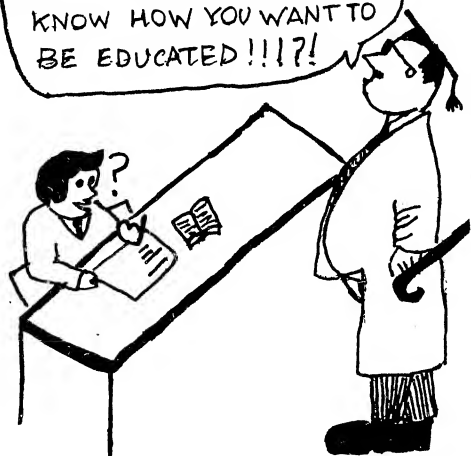
Slang	Meaning
the ready	money
quid	guinea/pound
nob	head
peeper	eye
kid	child
pinch	steal
to sock	to hit
neddy	donkey

(These examples have been taken from "Cockney Past and Present")



In this picture two very poor ladies are waiting to go to work in the workhouse

LOOK HERE, JAMES! I MAY BE 50 YEARS OLDER THAN YOU, LIVE IN A DIFFERENT AREA AND NOT KNOW YOUR INTERESTS, BUT I DO KNOW HOW YOU WANT TO BE EDUCATED!!!?



NUSS stands for National Union of School Students. Its aim is to represent the interests of all pupils, at all schools, who would otherwise have no say in how they are educated. We believe that it is wrong that teachers should have the power to tell school students what subjects they can and can't take, what to wear, and how to behave - and we certainly don't think they should have the right to brutally punish pupils for not doing as they are told. For next year, the Union has drawn up a School Students Charter, containing the five things we would most like to see abolished in schools.

These are:

1. Corporal punishment
2. School uniform
3. Petty rules
4. Prefects
5. Secret files

Other major campaigns that we are

# n.u.s.s.

involved in include fighting for an end to sexism in schools - that is the situation where boys cannot do needlework, nor girls metalwork. Outside schools themselves, we are involved in the Campaign Against Youth Unemployment, the Fight the Education Cuts Campaign, and work against racist and fascist organisations (something we feel is particularly important in an area like Hackney). The state of education in Hackney is pretty bad, and getting worse as spending is cut and teachers are transferred. We feel that the union could do a lot to fight for a better education in the area, but we need more members locally. In fact, nationally last year, we



# it used to be



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## 25 years

### HACKNEY - A SINKING SHIP OR A SUBMARINE?

By Alan Budgen and David Lawrence.

What was Hackney like 25 years ago? Where did people go for entertainment? Has Hackney got better or worse? What was Coronation Day like in Hackney? What are youngsters like in Hackney today? These are some of the questions we asked pensioners when we went out on the streets of Hackney. Mr Harrison says, "During the war years Hackney came together as one big family. People who had never known each other got to know each other. You knew who was living up the road and down the road. You all worked as one big team."

Mr Merry, 72, has lived in Hackney all his life. He says that Hackney has got much dirtier,

and blames the Borough. He also says that people used to go to places like the Olympia, the London Theatre and the Hackney Empire for entertainment.

"Hackney has gone right down the pan", says Mrs Wright. "There used to be some nice shops, such as Stevens and Spokes, but

there's nothing like that now. Youngsters are alright, but they haven't got the chances we had."

George Thomas, 60 years a Hackney resident, says "There is more work in Hackney today", and has no complaints about the borough.

Another pensioner says, "They're pulling the places down and then they're taking so long to put them up they don't know where they are. The borough should do its work properly."

Mr B, a Hackney resident for 47 years, says that Ridley Road market was worldwide known. "They

used to say that Ridley Road would still be there when everything else had disappeared, which has happened."

Mrs Amy, 68, has lived in Hackney for 53 years and says "25 years ago it was less rough."

Mr and Mrs. Cohen say that Hackney is definitely a worse place. Mrs Cohen says she used to see some lovely variety shows at the Hackney Empire, and describes youngsters these days as 'terrible' saying "We were brought up differently."

Mr Morris, 40 years a resident in Hackney, says, "Hackney is not so good as a living environment. Roads and pavements are badly maintained. Ridley Road market is a disgrace." He also says "They have made small factory units out of good houses. That always deteriorates a district. Either they make it an industrial area or they make it a residential area."

We then went on and asked people of all ages what they like about Hackney and what improvements could be made to conditions in the borough. The general agreement was that people only like Hackney because it is their home town. Most people said that Hackney is appallingly dirty, and it is the fault of the Council and Hackney residents.

Thus, the only conclusion we can come to is "KEEP HACKNEY TIDY!"

## ..? "Never 'eard of it!"

By Bruce Allan.

had only 11,500 members out of a total school population of nine million.

This is why the National Union of Teachers Executive is able to dismiss us as 'unrepresentative'.

Yet we believe that many more school students, not actually members, agree with our aims. We are beginning to be recognised as the voice of school students by bodies such as the Department of Education, who invited us to their Great Education Debate.

Membership has grown steadily over the four years of the Union's existence, but areas where things could really do with improving, such as Hackney, have never had vast numbers of members. We

want this to change next year, and establish a strong union locally and throughout the East End. If you are interested in the aims of the union, or feel strongly about your education, or would just like to know more, then contact:-

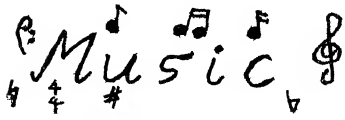
Hackney Downs - Derek Kotz  
Dalston Mount - Sharon Smith  
Brooke House - John Brien.  
Woodberry Down- Toby Brown or  
Jake Holloway.

Otherwise, ring, or write to, Steve Walsh, President, or Graham Kennedy, National Organiser, at 3, Endsleigh Street, London WC1, telephone no. 387 1277.

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# Reviews Page



## STYLES AND MUSIC by Trudi Hannaford

People's tastes in music vary greatly, and there have been many clashes involving differences of opinion. The current confrontation is 'Teds v Punks'. Much of the present trouble has been highlighted by the national press. They have, in theory, encouraged the street fights by printing articles written by one side insulting the other.

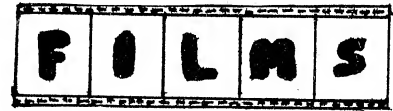
## Pub and Concert Reviews by Trudi Hannaford.

Rochester Castle, the Stoke Newington pub known for presenting good quality music, lived up to its reputation on Friday 29 July when 'Cheap Flights', a heavy rock band, appeared there. Although we missed the first band, we were well entertained. The music was very good and was received enthusiastically by the audience, from whom they gained confidence with each applause, even though the lyrics could not be heard very clearly due to no fault of the band.



At first each side replied through the newspapers, but now street fighting is common, especially in Kings Road, Chelsea. Not everyone likes either type of music. The rest are split between rock and soul, with a minority liking pop, Country and Western or classical. The type of music liked by one person is often a reflection of their friends and their attitude to life. A young ted may have been brought up on 'Rock 'n' Roll'. Pop normally attracts young teeny-boppers. Soul, on the whole, is classified as black music, but is very popular because of its good rhythm for dancing. Punk rock or New Wave tends to deal with society and its problems. It gives many people an outlet for their energy and something to identify with.

Marquee Club, Saturday 30 July. The support group, Penetration, played well and inspired some people to dance, although the majority were saving their energy for the Vibrators. During the interval we were entertained (?) by a d.j., whose main ambition it seemed was to get the audience to sing to every New Wave record which had received airplay. Much to everyone's relief the Vibrators came on, after an introduction by Capital Radio's Nicky Horne. They gave a very good performance. This was proved by the audience, who showed their appreciation by throwing plastic cups. Contradicting popular belief, there wasn't any trouble, except for one idiot who repeatedly tried to pull a mike into the crowd. He finally gave up after being punched by a rather annoyed lead singer.



## CARQUAKE

By Rowland Sutherland

I recently went to see a film called Carquake and I thought it was something ordinary. Carquake was a film that needed more action in it. There should have been more Kung Fu. The film is about an illegal race and includes a few police, a few cheats, some trouble makers, a bit of Kung Fu, and, finally, a big explosion with a pile of cars smashing into each other reaching the speed of about 100mph. When the film finished I felt it should have been shown on tv rather than at the cinema.

## Riddle

Two legs sat upon three legs  
with one leg on his lap,  
in comes four legs, takes away  
one leg.  
Two legs catches up three legs  
and throws him at four legs  
to make him bring one leg back.

## Regents Park Open Air Theatre, Sunday 31 July.

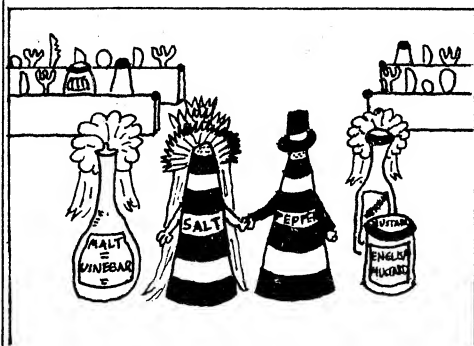
The support group for Linda Lewis was a three-man guitar band who played heavy folk. They achieved this by linking heavy music with easy-going lyrics. Like all folk groups, they were down to earth which set a relaxed atmosphere and brought them very close to the audience.

After a short interval Linda appeared on the stage. She started her performance with an old Beatle's song and progressed to songs from her albums. Anyone who for some reason, wasn't a Linda fan, was soon won over by her singing 'Remember The Days', a Cat Stevens' song.

But on the whole we didn't find her performance very inspiring.

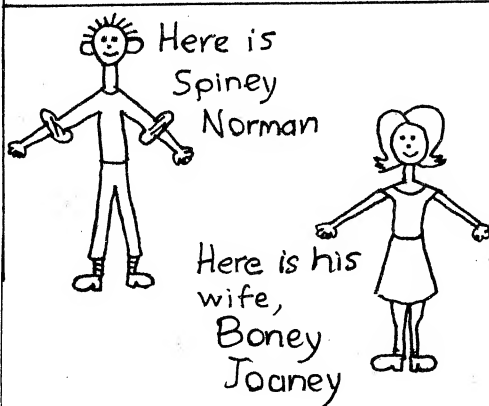
## CONTD FROM PREVIOUS PAGE-NUSS

The NUSS are in the process of compiling evidence for a D.E.S. enquiry into corporal punishment. If you know of any incidents of corporal punishment in your school, especially not using a cane, or done in front of other pupils, or by an unauthorized teacher, or done without warning, then write to us at the above address. Your name will not be disclosed.



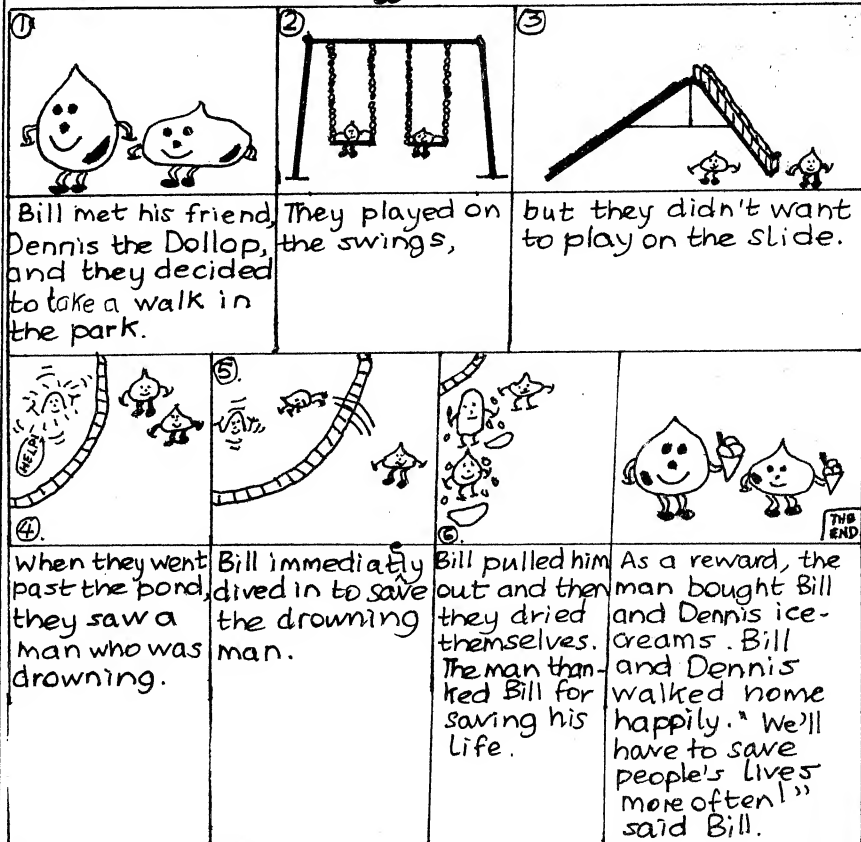
## IT'S THE WEDDING OF THE YEAR!

Childhood sweethearts, Eliza Salt and Dennis Pepper, were married at the Church of the Sacred Mustard Jar today. Virginia Vinegar and Kelly Ketchup were bridesmaids and Michael Mustard was best man. After a short honeymoon down the salt mines, the couple plan to set up home on the table where they first met, nextdoor to the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Apple-Sauce.



## The Adventures of BILL the BLOB

ALL CARTOONS BY  
David Lawrence



## THE FALL AND RISE OF SPINEY NORMAN

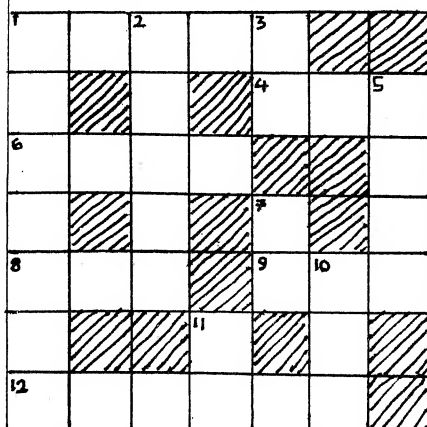
Spiney and his family are the unluckiest family in the world. Spiney is an unemployed bacon-curer, and is very poor. Their house is in a bad state of repair, but they cannot afford to put it right. One day, Spiney got a letter saying he had won the pools. At last, they could afford to buy anything they wanted. They repaired the house and they lived happily ever after.

THE END

## CROSSWORD

## CLUES

by James Manlove



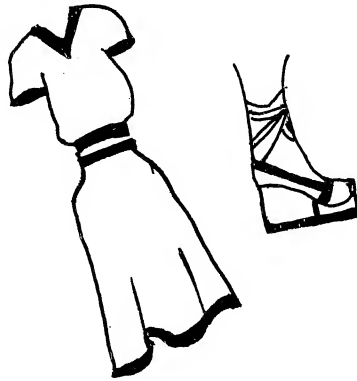
### ACROSS

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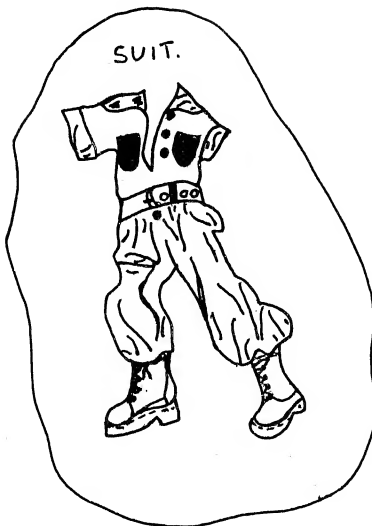
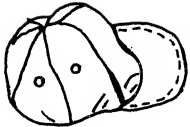
### DOWN

- ② SADNESS
- ① WATERSHIP DOWN'S HEROES
- ② BITTER CITRUS
- ③ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (INT.)
- ⑤ LOTS OF
- ⑦ GERMAN WARTIME SECRET POLICE (INT.)
- ⑩ MECHANICALLY PULL . ⑪ THE QUEEN

# Style



By Christine Patterson  
and Catherine Stubbs



We spoke to some people on the street, and asked them what they thought about fashion. This is what some people said:

"The teenagers dress beautifully, and pay a lot of money for their clothes, but then again they earn a hell of a lot of money" (Mrs Vitofsky)

"Yes, I do follow the fashion, it's a very good idea. I've got three pairs of plastic sandals, green, blue, orange, and I've got a pair of drainpipes." (Sue Tight)

"I like denim, jeans, shirt, waistcoat and dresses." (Mrs Mart)

"Casual clothes - skirts, tops, trousers, flared skirts - it depends on what you're wearing it for."

"I like thin heeled shoes and flip flops."

THEN we asked lots of people what they thought fashion would be like in the year 2000.

"I think in the year 2000 fashion will be longjohns down to your knees, velvety-type jackets, red tights and funny brown sandals." (HR Peters)

"I'll tell you, I won't be here. Perhaps people will walk about naked in just sandals."

"I think in the year 2000 people will be all in fur and Alcan foil." (Miss Worster and Miss Magires)

"I think in the year 2000 people will be punk rockers but worse." (Laura)

"I think the clothes will be made out of plastic fibres and will be welded together in the year 2000."

"I think fashion would be much nicer than it is now. They'd be wearing really simple and beautiful clothes, all sorts of colours. At the moment men wear very boring colours. It would be nice if men wore colours and flowers ... all those sorts of things." (Mark)

Most of the remarks we got were things like "I think in the year 2000 people will walk about naked", or "I'll be dead in the year 2000" or "I don't think fashion will really matter then." And quite a few people said they didn't know what fashion would be like in the year 2000.

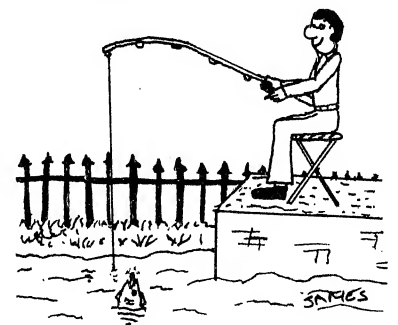
## The Sun Dance by David Tomlinson.

We danced for days on end.  
When we danced for rain we got it  
But now we want the sun  
And our god won't give it to us.  
Our god has disobeyed us  
He won't give us what we want  
So now we've given him the sack  
After this we got another  
And he gave us what we wanted  
The sun, the sun, the sun.

## FISHING

HE SAT FOR HOURS AND HOURS  
WITH A CRUST OF SOGGY BREAD  
HIS PATIENCE PAID OFF WHEN  
HE HOOKED A WOPPA  
OR WAS IT JUST THE RIVER-  
BED

JAMES MANLOVE



ACROSS  
DOWN  
1. Ruler  
2. Lemon  
3. R.E.  
4. In  
5. S.S.  
6. Bomb  
7. In  
8. Sty  
9. Tow  
10. ER  
11. Sorrow  
12. Down

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

Answer to Riddle  
A man sitting on a stool, with a leg of lamb on his lap, a dog comes into the room and takes the leg of lamb, the man takes the stool and throws it at the dog and makes him bring the lamb back

## OUTRO

AS PART OF A CENTERPRISE SUMMER PROJECT, THIS NEWSPAPER WAS RESEARCHED, WRITTEN, EDITED, TYPED, DESIGNED, DRAWN, PHOTOGRAPHED & PASTED UP BY:  
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## JOB CENTRE

WARNING by H.M. Government  
UNEMPLOYMENT CAN DAMAGE  
YOUR WEALTH



## ON THE DOLE IN HACKNEY

The Youth Office in Hackney have just opened a new project for the young unemployed, but it does no more than offer a token response to the problem and it could be said to be keeping the unemployed off the streets out of the way. The project based at Stoke Newington High Street Methodist Church offers a social club in the afternoons where people can play games or just read the paper and listen to music. There is a coffee bar and information about courses jobs and welfare rights.

The project does have one indisputably good point, however, in that it gives unemployed workers in Hackney a base, as unemployed workers usually never meet each other anywhere except in the dole queue. If the unemployed begin to get together more and realise they've got the same problems, it might be the basis for action to begin to change this situation.

### SOLUTIONS

Meanwhile if we look for real solutions to unemployment a short term solution lies in workers demanding an end to overtime with no loss of earnings which would be a sufficient step to provide jobs for all the unemployed.

To prevent the situation happening again we need to take over the economy in order to prevent private industry creaming off the profits instead of using the money to create more jobs. For example, in the last 10 years GEC's profits have increased more than 13 fold from £21M to £278M. At the same time they have destroyed 64,000 jobs reducing their work force from 220,000 to 156,000. That is the problem: the solution is in our own hands.

According to the Department of Employment there are 4,474 people unemployed in Hackney who are chasing 1,147 job vacancies.

a Sunday afternoon (the designated time for collection), and then the presenters themselves (also circulating to yet another rota) were disappearing to enjoy themselves in such non-radio areas as the beach, the cinema, etc. Alan Ross, Programme Director of the station, said, "The ironic thing is that with a full programme staff, we would be able to open a second studio."

A spokesman stated that a new studio would cost about £120. "With two studios," he said, "the station would be more flexible. Programmes could be produced for future use in one studio, while the other is used for a live programme." He added, "I would like the station to broadcast more non-music programmes."

The projected Studio 2 has been shelved until the spring of 1978 to enable the Disco Unit to be built up. The Disco Unit (donated by Lesney's last year) is Hackney Hospital Radio's main source of funds. Since it became operational, the Hackney Radio Roadshow (as it is called) has played intermittent "gigs" at

This sounds very serious but the real facts are even more disturbing. Many people who aren't going to get any unemployment benefit don't bother to sign on. The last official survey (General Household Survey) showed that 7½% of men and 54% of women don't register as unemployed. On this basis there are 6 people unemployed in Hackney for every 1 vacancy.

### THOSE WHO SUFFER MOST

Young people. Unemployment among the under 20s is between 1½ and 1½ times the national average.

Blacks. During the last two years unemployment among blacks has risen more than twice as fast as overall unemployment.

Women. Women workers are generally less well organised into unions than men so that firms always find it easier to throw out women rather than men workers.

Manual Workers. Unemployment is 2½ times higher for manual workers than non-manual workers.

If you happen to belong to any or to more than one of these categories the chances of getting a job are very slim indeed.

Different solutions to the problem are suggested.

Judge Bernard Gillis sentenced two unemployed young people who were convicted of robbery to three years saying, "You will get the opportunity in prison to learn a trade so that on your release you can get jobs."

reasonable rates.

All money received has until recently gone straight into keeping the radio station afloat (it costs about £800 per year to run), with the result that the Roadshow became rundown - it had few current "hits" - and the Disco DJs lost morale. Most of the non-paid Disco DJs also became apathetic.

Up until last month the radio station was gradually crumbling away. The Programme Director threatened to leave unless some positive action was taken. Fortunately it occurred: just before the Annual General Meeting, Alan Ross and Graham Coles precipitated a shake-up resulting in a less ambitious set-up for the next few months. Mr Gary Putwain, who runs the Roadshow, managed to get the rest of the Committee to pour most of their current funds into building up the Disco Unit. The service offered to patients and dancing public is much better. Alan Ross added, "We still have a fantastic crowd, but we could do with some helpful hands down here."

RADIO PROGRAMME SCHEDULE P.6

## APATHY!

Apathy is rife amongst certain members of Hackney Hospital Radio. Their inactivity has resulted in a shake-up in programmes presented to the patients, but closure has been avoided. The internal radio station was opened in June 1974, and it seems that familiarity has bred contempt. Several broadcasters have been sacked, and the patients' "Request Show" - the keystone of a successful hospital radio station - has been shelved for several months.

Inactivity had been building up for some time; the committee of Hackney Hospital Radio has always found it difficult to encourage its unpaid staff to collect requests and dedications from the patients. The last system was that of dividing the staff into five teams of four or five people, then the teams collected/produced the requests according to a rota system. Firstly members of the teams failed to appear on

# POEM

## THE SILENT MAJORITY

The voice of the poor  
is never heard clearly  
They rarely speak  
for themselves  
They are not concerned  
with the problems  
of the poor  
but only with the problem  
of being poor

The poor keep  
a low profile  
Good people regard them  
as bad people  
and have invented words  
to describe them  
Scroungers  
Loungers  
Destitutes  
Parasites  
The poor are not popular

In earlier times  
they were called  
Vagabonds  
Villains  
Beggars  
and whipped  
through the streets

Now we only whip them  
in the pages  
of the popular press

One day  
the poor will inherit  
the earth  
But they must  
die first

Bob Masters

## Homeworkers!

Do you work at home?  
If you do come and meet  
others who do the same  
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## EVENTS and MEETINGS

Thurs 1 Sept. Family Centre, 50  
Rectory Road, N.16. National  
Union of School Students dis-  
cussion. Organised by YCL.

Saturday 3 Sept. 55 Graham  
Road, E.8. 4.30pm. Unveiling of  
GLC plaque commemorating Marie  
Lloyd by Ellis Ashton, chairman  
of British Music Hall Society.

Saturday 3 Sept. Chats Palace,  
Brooksbys Walk, E.9. 8.30pm.  
Special Professor Alexanders  
Music Hall, celebrating the  
unveiling of the Marie Lloyd  
plaque. £1 entrance.

5 - 30 Sept. Centerprise.  
Exhibition of work produced  
by local children on summer  
play schemes. Come and see how  
the Hackney Gasbag was produced.

Monday 5 Sept. The Factory,  
Mathias Road, N.16. Women in the  
Family. Meeting organised by Hack-  
ney Socialist Feminist Group.

Thurs 8 Sept. Family Centre  
(see above). 8pm. Fascism in  
Britain. Organised by YCL.

Wed 13 Sept. Family Centre  
(see above). 7.30pm. Education-  
public meeting at the beginning  
of the school year. Rectory CP.

Monday 19 Sept. Centerprise.  
CoOp meeting. 7.30pm. The CoOp  
is your chance to say how you  
think Centerprise should be  
run. Individuals and delegates  
from groups who use the building  
and facilities welcome.

Monday 19 Sept. The Factory (see  
above). Women in Struggles. Meeting  
organised by Hackney Socialist  
Feminist Group.

Sat 24 Sept. Chats Palace (see  
above). 3pm till late. Day of  
solidarity with Southern Africa.  
Mike Power and a student from  
Soweto speak. Disco and "Steel  
Pulse" reggae band. Disco £1.  
All discussions free. Organised  
by YCL.

## MUSIC and BROADCASTS

### ISLINGTON & HACKNEY MUSIC WORKSHOP

Sing-song third Thursday every month.  
8pm. Free. The Florence, Florence St, N.1.

### HACKNEY HOSPITAL RADIO

#### PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Mon-Fri	7pm-9pm	"Pop" Shows
	9pm-11pm	Easy Listening Show
Sun	3pm-5pm	"Pop" Show
	5pm-7pm	Soul Show
	7pm-8pm	Hackney's Week (local news)
	8pm-10pm	Easy Listening Show

Hackney Radio Roadshow: Contact  
Gary Putwain, tel 986 3833 or  
Hackney Hospital Radio 985 5555,  
ext 115.

## WOMEN

### HACKNEY ABORTION CAMPAIGN

Meetings fortnightly at 16 Parkholme  
Road, E.8. Contact 249 3768 for details.

### WOMEN'S CENTRE

1 Cazenove Road, N.16.  
Advice, creche, children's clothes swap  
shop, beginners photography, crafts, yoga,  
relaxation, consciousness raising groups,  
food co-op, alternative medicine, self-  
defence. Further information from  
806 6664. All women welcome.

### RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

340 6913. 24 hour information and advice.

### HACKNEY SOCIALIST-FEMINIST GROUP

Meets first and third Monday of each  
month at the Factory, Matthias Road,  
N.16.

### HACKNEY TRADES COUNCIL WOMEN'S SUB COMMITTEE

Re-Formed recently. Meets once a month.  
Contact Judy Newcombe 254 0685 for details.  
All women and men welcome.

## HEALTH

### CITY AND HACKNEY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

Shoreditch Health Centre, 210 Kingsland  
Road, E.2. 739 6308/8351.  
The public's voice in the NHS - provides  
advice, takes up your complaints and  
criticisms. Open meetings on 3rd Tuesday  
of each month at 6.30pm.  
Publishes HEALTH IN HACKNEY: a comprehensive  
FREE guide to health facilities and  
services in the area.

### HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN HACKNEY

Advice, ideas, information. Trying to  
contact all families in district with  
a handicapped child. Contact Ann  
Purdon, 48 Mount Pleasant Lane, E.5.  
808 8438.

### THE BIRTH CENTRE

188 Old Street, EC1. 251 4076.  
Information, advice, lectures and seminars  
on birth at home and in hospital.  
Open evening every Wednesday 8pm. 25p.

## WORKSHOPS

### THE WORKSHOP

81 Lenthall Road, E.8. 254 3082.  
254 3082.

Learn to print posters, T shirts etc  
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materials only. Open Tuesdays- Sundays  
1pm-8pm.

### COMET WORKSHOP

Halcomb Street, N.1. 729 0936.  
Learn sewing, macrame, toymaking, woodwork.  
Creche available, toy library. Tea and  
coffee. Open every weekday.

## FOOD

### DOWN TO EARTH

Durham Row, Stepney Green, E.1.  
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beans, honey, herbs etc.  
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### FOOD FOR ALL

3 Cazenove Road, N.16.  
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and crafts. All food carries levy to  
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Advice service on Tuesdays and  
Thursdays from 10.30 to 4pm. Tea-Bar  
Monday to Friday 10.30 to 4pm.

TASK FORCE

34 Dalston Lane, E.8. Tel: 254 1620  
Free advice for pensioners in Hackney.  
Odd jobs and visits in N.16 and N.4 only.  
Pensioners' activities and neighbourhood  
care in N.5.

HACKNEY ASSOCIATION FOR WELFARE OF OLD PEOPLE

22 Dalston Lane, E.8. 254 0715.

HARAMBEE 2 PROJECT

Upper Clapton Congregational Hall, E.5.  
Social and advice centre, aimed particularly  
at black people.  
Tuesday 10am - 10pm  
Thursday 10am - 4.30pm  
Friday 10am - 10pm

OFF CENTRE

25 Hackney Grove, E.8 Tel: 985 8566  
Advice for young people between 13 and  
25 with any problems.  
Monday-Friday 10am-6pm (open until  
8.30pm on Tuesdays.)

FRIENDS ANONYMOUS SERVICE

Friendship House, 27 Hackney Grove, E.8  
24 hour telephone service with people always  
willing to listen and act.  
986 2233 (24 hours)  
985 0973  
986 9146 (office hours)

HACKNEY UNITED TENANTS ASSOCIATION

c/o 35 Fimmere House, Woodberry Down, N.4.

HACKNEY GINGERBREAD

Group for one parent families. Meet every  
Monday at the Family Centre, Rectory Road,  
N.16. Creche available. Contact Teresa  
Blackhall, 729 1647 for details.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGLISH CLASSES

Held at the Family Centre, Rectory  
Road, N.16. 254 1193. Monday-Friday  
10.30am-4.30pm.

**CHILDREN**HACKNEY UNDER FIVES

c/o Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street,  
E.8. 254 9145.  
Information and support for parents with  
children below school age. Contact  
Madge Harte or Gillian Wilding.

Stores are available every Saturday  
from 10am-12.30pm. Open monthly meetings  
first Tuesday of every month at 8pm in  
Centerprise.

HACKNEY PLAY ASSOCIATION

c/o Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street,  
E.8. 254 9145.  
Information, advice and help to people  
organising play facilities for children.  
Contact Cheryl Broadway or Mo Ross.

**GAYS**EAST LONDON FAGGOTS

Collective of gay socialists living  
and working in East London.  
Contact 19 Redmans Road, E.1. 790 2454.

GAY SWITCHBOARD

837 7174. 24 hour information and advice.

**POLITICAL GROUPS**HACKNEY LABOUR PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS

Hackney South.  
Meet at 108 Shepherdess Walk, N.1.  
Details from Amy McQuaide 253 1556.  
Hackney Central  
Meets every Wednesday at 8pm at 34  
Dalston Lane E.8.  
Hackney North  
Meet every other Monday at 8pm at  
5 Stamford Hill, N.16. Contact Mark  
Douglas, 103 Osbaldestone Road, N.16  
for details. All welcome.

HACKNEY COMMUNIST PARTY

10 branches hold meetings regularly in  
the borough. Contact Monty Goldman  
12 Leaside Road, E.5. 806 1367.

HACKNEY YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

Contact E. Ross 986 5767 for details.

HACKNEY SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

Meet regularly in Centerprise.  
Contact Liz 739 9772 for details.

ANARCHIST WORKERS ASSOCIATION

c/o Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street,  
E.8. Contact Dave Coull 226 0817 for  
details.

HACKNEY COMMITTEE AGAINST RACIALISM

All-party anti-racist campaign.  
Meets first Wednesday of each month at  
the Family Centre, Rectory Road, N.16.

**CENTERPRISE**CENTERPRISE

136 Kingsland High Street, E.8.  
254 9632.

Bookshop and office hours:  
Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6.30pm.  
Coffeebar and meeting room hours:  
Tuesday-Friday 10am-10pm  
Saturday 10am-6.30pm.

Facilities:  
Coffeebar; bookshop; advice, information  
and contacts for individuals and groups.  
Typewriters can be used free, duplicating  
at cost price. Ask in General Office.

Advice Centre:  
Legal and welfare advice session on  
Thursdays, 6.30-7.30pm. Contact Jon  
Webber or ring 254 9634.

Reading Centre:  
For adults who find  
it hard to read or  
write. Contact Sue  
Shrapnel or ring  
254 9635.

Publishing Project:  
Publishing books by people who live in  
Hackney. Contact Ken Worpole or ring  
254 9634.

Youth Project:  
Table tennis, music, writing, discussion  
groups etc. Tuesday to Friday afternoons,  
Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Contact  
Oliver Flavin.

**MEN**DALSTON MEN'S GROUP

Contact Pete, 39 Parkholme Road, E.8.  
249 3072.

EAST LONDON/BRIXTON MEN'S GROUP

Contact Paul, 12 Montague Road, E.8.  
254 9497.

EAST LONDON MEN'S CENTRE

19 Redmans Road, E.1. 790 2454.

**ADVICE**

Free legal advice on housing, landlord and  
tenant, employment, social security, welfare,  
matrimonial, immigration and discrimination  
problems can be obtained from the following  
centres:

CENTERPRISE

136 Kingsland High Street, E.8. 254 9632  
THURSDAYS 6.30-7.30pm.

HOXTON HALL

128a Hoxton Street, N.1. 739 5431  
WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm.

KINGSMEAD

Wally Foster Centre, Homerton High St, E.9.  
985 3804.  
TUESDAYS 7-8pm.

SNAGS

102 Manor Road, N.16. 800 3770.  
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm. (802 7949)

ALLEN ROAD

12 Allen Road, N.16.  
THURSDAYS 7-8pm.

Advice can also be obtained from:

HACKNEY ADVICE BUREAU & LAW CENTRE

236-8 Mare Street, E.8. 986 8446.  
Open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm (7.30pm on  
Thursdays.)  
Legal aid and advice on housing, rents,  
repairs and employment problems.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

1-11 Hoxton Street, N.1. 739 4654.  
106 Old Street, EC1. 253 2155.

HACKNEY COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

245 Mare Street, E.8. 985 5244.  
TUESDAYS 7-8.30pm  
Immigration, discrimination, housing,  
law and other problems.

THE FAMILY CENTRE

50 Rectory Road, N.16. 249 8334.  
Information and help in all community  
problems. Cooking, washing, creche  
facilities. Open all day.

HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE

302-4 Mare Street, E.8. 986 8123.  
Helps with all housing problems.  
Repairs, rebates, landlord-tenant,  
council-tenant.

HACKNEY CENTRAL INFORMATION BUREAU

Town Hall, Mare Street, E.8.  
986 3123.

HACKNEY NORTH LABOUR PARTY ADVICE CENTRE

5 Stamford Hill, N.16.  
Advice and information on legal, financial,  
welfare, housing, social security and  
personal problems.  
FRIDAYS 7-8pm.

Advice can also be obtained from HARAMBEE 2  
PROJECT, OFF CENTRE and FRIENDS ANONYMOUS.  
See Community Groups listing on this page.

**ECOLOGY**WASTE PAPER

Take old newspaper, magazines and cardboard,  
to RICB, Drysdale Street, N.1 (just off  
Hoxton Street) and get given free  
Green Shield Stamps! 2 stamps per pound of  
paper.  
Monday-Friday 7am-4pm. Saturday 9.30-12.30pm.  
All the paper YOU take in goes to help  
blind children to see.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

Local group: contact John Leach 739 2301.

SERA (Socialist and Environmental Resources  
Association.)

North East London branch meets regularly.  
Contact Jackie Hutson, 17 Mentmore Terrace,  
E.8.



# W.E.A. Rat-Bashing on the Marsh

Hackney Workers Educational Association are organising the following classes in the autumn. A full programme has been prepared and is available from Ken Worpole, Hackney W.E.A. 136, Kingsland High Street.E.8. 254 9634

## At Centerprise

A People's Autobiography of Hackney  
Hackney Writer's Workshop  
Short story writer's group  
Socialism in China  
Art & Revolution  
Alternative technology & community  
Housing Rights  
Mental disorder & the community  
Class and the State in Britain

## At Hoxton Hall

Writer's Workshop  
Women Today

## At Chat's Palace

18th century Hackney

## At the Wally Foster Centre

Mainly for women

## At Toynbee Hall

(in conjunction with Tower Hamlets WEA)

Introduction to archeology with special reference to Tower Hamlets & Hackney.

They said it couldn't be done! A "rat" sliding down a piece of old drainpipe, emerging to run the risk of being hit by an aggressive Hackney citizen. This was HPP's Bash the Rat stall at the Hackney Marsh Festival on 26 June.

For several hours under an (almost) blazing sun, they queued with 3p's and 10p's in hand to knock hell out of a poor piece of stuffed fur. Most missed, but some who had quickness of hand at rodent destruction actually managed to double their money. (See photographic evidence).

Besides several "streets" of stalls by local organisations, there was a well varied selection of events and entertainments to suit everybody.

Musicians played, prams raced and kids investigated the pneumatic pleasures of inflatable Free Form gasbags. To those who did not find the Fancy Dress Parade, or the swirling Morris Men interesting - there was always the beer tent with SIX DIFFERENT REAL ALES! A good time was had by most - I'm looking forward to next year.

## HPP COLOURING COMPETITION

The winners of HPP's colouring competition held at the Hackney Marsh Fun Festival were chosen after great debate by our judging panel.

They were:

John Cosgrove(7) 66,Runnymede House, Kingsland Estate E.9  
Paul Melnick(11) 35, Overbury Street E.5  
Ian Houssem (8) 87,Prince George Road,N.16.  
Each will be receiving a prize in due course.



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Tuesday 20th September  
8pm  
Centerprise

or write to us c/o Centerprise or ring 249 0311 (evenings and weekends.)

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## NEWSAGENTS AND BOOKSHOPS SELLING HACKNEY PEOPLE'S PRESS.

### E.8

Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street.  
Griffiths, 230 Graham Road.  
Youngers, 15 Dalston Lane.  
Roundabout Books, 368 Mare Street.  
Murrays, 208a Mare Street.  
Dorking, 270 Cambridge Heath Road.

### E.9

Huggetts, 246 Morning Lane.  
Camerons, 250 Morning Lane.

### N.16

Emmetts, 170 Stoke Newington Church Street.  
Griffiths, 7 Albion Parade.  
Socratous, 67 Nevill Road.  
CDS, 54 Evering Road.  
Food for all, 3 Cazenove Road.

### N.1

Housmans, 5 Caledonian Road.  
Rising Free, 182 Upper Street.

### E.5

K & T, Nightingale Estate, Downs Road.

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